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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Grass Valley Wildfire Evacuation Route Project

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Project Location: Grass Valley (*City*) Nevada (*County*)

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The Grass Valley Wildfire Evacuation Project is located on State Route (SR) 49 in Nevada County between Post Miles (PMs) 2.10 and 9.80. The project proposes to extend shoulders, provide a continuous two-way left turn lane (TWLTL), realign the roadway, extend/replace drainage systems, extend existing bridges, construct retaining walls, replace/relocate signage, replace/relocate existing Transportation Management Systems, install new Transportation Management Systems, replace nonstandard guardrails that do not meet current Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH) standards, and provide concrete vegetation control under guardrails.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

With the following mitigation measures incorporated, the project would have Less than Significant Impacts to Biological Resources:

Temporary and permanent impacts to Goodding's Willow–Red Willow Riparian Woodland and Forest would be minimized with implementation of the Standard Measures and Best Management Practices outlined in Section 1.7. In addition, Caltrans would compensate for permanent project impacts to this sensitive natural community in accordance with permitting requirements set forth by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). Final permit-driven mitigation ratios would be determined by CDFW during the permitting process to fully mitigate project impacts and account for any temporal loss of habitat function.

Temporary and permanent impacts to jurisdictional wetlands and other waters would be minimized with implementation of the Standard Measures and Best Management Practices outlined in Section 1.7. In addition, Caltrans would compensate for permanent project impacts on aquatic resources in accordance with permitting requirements set forth by the United State Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (CVRWQCB) and CDFW. Final permit-driven mitigation ratios would be determined by USACE, CVRWQCB and CDFW during the permitting process to fully mitigate project impacts and account for any temporal loss of function.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

None known.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Not applicable.